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**Salisbury House announces 2017 Spring Events schedule**

**DES MOINES, IA (February 2017)** – Salisbury House Foundation (SHF) is pleased to announce its schedule of events for spring 2017. This schedule includes programs in the Music and History Series and an English tea. Proceeds from these events go to SHF to preserve Salisbury House and its collections and develop its public offerings.

Tickets to each event can be purchased online at [salisburyhouse.org](http://salisburyhouse.org) or by calling 515-274-1777. The events, dates, and times are as follows:

**MUSIC SERIES**

**Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 pm** - We welcome Sean Botkin, Associate Professor at the University of Northern Iowa, on solo piano performing music by Bach, Brahms and Prokofiev.

**Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 pm** - Take a musical journey around the world during this concert featuring music by Bartok, Chopin, Dubois, Piazzolla and Taffanel. This unique collection of music features musicians Alyssa Griggs, *flute*, Kevin Judge, *bassoon*, Aaron Williams, *marimba* and Aaron Breid, *piano*.

The Music Series at Salisbury House is made possible through generous lead gifts made by Andrea Westmeyer and Brenton Foundation.

**HISTORY SERIES**

**Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm** - Historian Edward T. O'Donnell will speak about the tumultuous period in American history known as the Gilded Age (1870-1900) with a special focus on the influential reformer Henry George.

**Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 pm** - Suzanne Desan, Vilas-Shinners Distinguished Achievement Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, will speak about the political and social impact of the French Revolution on 18th-century France.

The History Series at Salisbury House is made possible through generous lead gifts made by Pamela Bass-Bookey and Harry Bookey, Charlotte and Fred Hubbell, and The Butler House on Grand.

**TEA AT THE CASTLE**

**Saturday April 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm** - Enjoy a world away from the ordinary: a proper English afternoon tea with finger sandwiches, fresh scones and real clotted cream in the grand setting of the Common Room. We will welcome guest speaker Vicki Ingham, author of *Younkers: The Friendly Store*. Ingham will share Younkers' journey to becoming one of the most important department store chains in the Midwest and memorable historical photos of the beloved downtown store.

Live music performed on the Salisbury House Steinway piano will also accompany the tea.

*Salisbury House & Gardens is a private, non-profit organization governed by the Salisbury House Foundation. Located in the Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood in the heart Des Moines, Salisbury House & Gardens is a historic house museum that is open to the public and welcomes thousands of guests each year for its cultural, historical, educational and social events. Completed in 1928, Carl and Edith Weeks modeled their country estate after the King's House in Salisbury, England. The 42-room English manor house is filled with valuable collections from the Weeks family estate, including paintings, sculpture, textiles, rare books and documents, and decorative arts.*